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Identical letters dated 19 February 2009 from the Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour, on behalf of members of the Pacific Islands Forum based in New York, to transmit herewith a copy of the conclusions of the regional consultation workshop on measures for the legislative implementation of the legal regime against terrorism in the Pacific region and related technical assistance delivery, held in Suva on 2 and 3 June 2008 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 97, 98 and 99, and of the Security Council.

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Regional Consultation Workshop on measures for the legislative implementation of the legal regime against terrorism in the Pacific region and related technical assistance delivery

Suva, 2 and 3 June 2008

Organized by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in cooperation with the Pacific Islands Forum secretariat

Workshop conclusions

We, the participants of the Regional Consultation Workshop on measures for the legislative implementation of the legal regime against terrorism in the Pacific region and related technical assistance delivery, held in Suva, Fiji, on 2 and 3 June 2008;

Representing the following Pacific Islands Forum countries:

- Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu;

Reaffirming the conclusions of the Regional Consultation Workshop held in Nadi, Fiji, on 25 and 26 June 2007 (A/62/542-S/2007/664);

Acknowledging the ongoing work undertaken by Forum Members in complying with their international obligations and relevant regional instruments relating to counter- terrorism and their determination to continue undertaking the required national action;

Expressing our appreciation to the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) and the 1540 Committee Expert Group for their contributions to the Workshop;

Expressing our appreciation to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Pacific Islands Forum secretariat (PIFS) for their initiative in organizing this Regional Consultation Workshop;

Have agreed on the following conclusions:

1. Recognize the efforts of participating countries in reviewing their existing domestic laws and developing new counter terrorism legislation;

2. Acknowledge the technical assistance which has been provided by the Terrorism Prevention Branch (TPB) of UNODC, in partnership with the PIFS and other relevant providers of assistance;

3. Welcome the continuing availability of UNODC/TPB and the PIFS to provide on-the-ground and sustained support to the Forum Islands countries and observers and, for this purpose, undertake the following types of activities:

   - National level technical support, advisory services and other required expertise assistance in the legal areas relating to counter-terrorism, especially for the ratification of the counter-terrorism instruments and the legislative incorporation of their provisions into national legislation, including through drafting assistance;

   - National level training for relevant criminal justice (including law enforcement) officials to build counter-terrorism legal capacity for achieving the effective application of the legal regime against terrorism;

   - Regional consultations and workshops for the Pacific Islands countries and observers on specialized substantive legal issues, to foster specialized knowledge and expert capacity to address those issues;

   - Senior policy-level workshops on strengthening the legal regime against terrorism, especially to review progress being made and provide guidance for required further steps pertaining to technical assistance needs and delivery.

4. Recommend Forum Members and observers to continue to draw on the specialized legal and related technical assistance services offered by UNODC/TPB in partnership with the PIFS;

5. Request UNODC to hold, in partnership with the PIFS, further consultations on this issue as required;

6. Take note of the consultations with UNODC, CTED and the 1540 Committee Expert Group, and the continued efforts of participating countries;

7. Recognize that broader law enforcement programs will complement the implementation of the universal counter-terrorism instruments;

8. Request the PIFS to bring the conclusions of this consultation workshop to the attention of the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations, for apprising them of the measures being envisaged for technical assistance delivery to the Pacific Islands countries;

9. Take note of the legal and related technical assistance needs indicated during the bilateral consultations with UNODC by the following countries:

Cook Islands

Processes for ratification of the remaining universal counter-terrorism instruments; legislative drafting assistance for implementing legislation. Training for criminal justice and judicial officers on the legal aspects of the universal legal framework.

Federated States of Micronesia

Assistance with processes related to the ratification of the remaining counter-terrorism instruments; legislative drafting for implementing legislation.

Fiji

Legislative drafting assistance; ongoing training for criminal justice, judicial and other officials on legal elements of the universal instruments.

Kiribati

Basic training for law enforcement officers; assistance with drafting of legislation to implement remaining counter-terrorism instruments.

Nauru

Training for criminal justice and judicial officers on counter-terrorism issues.

Niue

Assistance with processes relating to the ratification of the remaining counter-terrorism instruments; training for criminal justice, judicial, and other officers on legal elements of the counter-terrorism instruments; review of existing counter-terrorism legislation and related legislative drafting.

Palau

The review of existing counter-terrorism legislation and advice on legislative amendments necessary to achieve full compliance; assistance with related drafting; assistance with reporting to the relevant United Nations Security Council Committees dealing with counter-terrorism.

Republic of the Marshall Islands

Training for criminal justice and judicial officers on counter-terrorism issues.

Samoa

Assistance with legislative drafting; ratification processes for the remaining instruments; and training for criminal justice and judicial officers on the legal elements of the universal framework.

Solomon Islands

Assistance with processes related to the ratification of the remaining counter-terrorism instruments; training for criminal justice and judicial officers on the legal elements of the universal framework.

Tuvalu

Assistance with procedures related to the ratification of the remaining counter-terrorism instruments; training for criminal justice and judicial officers on the legal elements of the universal framework.